submitted by firm not being as per the tender enquiry, discrepancy in the specifications or non submission of earnest money deposit etc. Thus scrapping of tenders is not violative of Article 14 of the Constitution.

(c) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above, no action is called for the by the Government.

Powers to Chairman of Kendriya Bhandar

1281. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether mere provision of delegation or assigning powers to the Chairman in the Kendriya Bhandar does not entail conferring powers on him under the bye-laws of the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, how has the Chairman exercise the powers with regard to purchases detrimental to the proper control over the affairs of the Bhandar; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to fully enquire into the violation of the bye-laws and fix accountability and responsibility and to check the recurrence thereof in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the bye-laws of Kendirya Bhandar the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may delegate or assign any or all its powers to the Chairman or the Managing Director. Since the Purchase policy adopted by the Society is duly approved by the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Directors, the delegation of powers to the Managing Director/Chairman, Kendriya Bhandar for purchase of goods contained therein is within the provisions of the bye-laws of the society.

The Chairman has been exercising the powers vested in him with due diligence for ensuring proper, smooth and effective functioning of the society.

(c) Since there is no violation of the bye-laws of the society, the

question of holding any enquiry and fixing accountability and responsibility does not arise.

Evaluation of Employees' Strength

1282. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/ Department of Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Ministries/Departments who have completed evaluation of their required strength; and

(d) whether remaining Ministries/Departments have been directed to complete their evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Government does not have any specific criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/Department, as the nature and content of work in Ministries/Departments vary.

(c) and (d) The evaluation of the required strength of a Ministry/ Department is a continuous and ongoing process and all the Ministries/Departments undertake this exercise based on the need and requirement of the Ministry/Department.

Instructions for Promotion through Departmental Examination

1283. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1324 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has not followed the Order of DOPT; No. 22011/2-79-Estt. (D) dated the 8th February, 1982 in the case of promotion of Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination 1999;